

Moving Forward on Environmental Public Health Tracking

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CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program

Focus for 2005

- Taking steps for network implementation
- Ensuring a strong foundation for program activities
- Mapping future program directions

CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program

Mission & Goals

To provide information from a nation-wide network of integrated environmental monitoring and public health data so that all sectors may take action to prevent and control environmentally related health effects.



Goal #1:
Build a Sustainable, National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network



Goal #2:
Increase Environmental Public Health Tracking Capacity



Goal #3:
Disseminate Credible Information



Goal #4:
Advance Environmental Public Health Science and Research

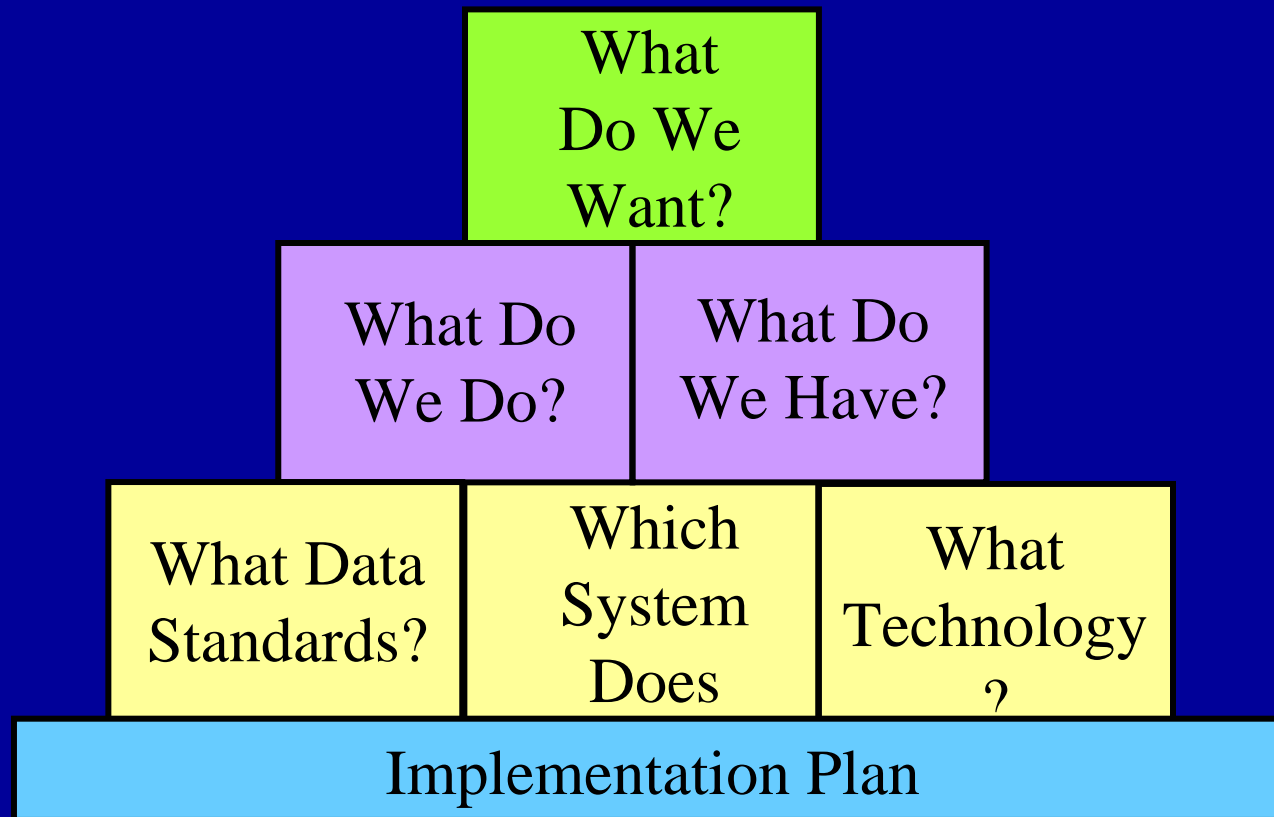


Goal #5:
Bridge the Gap Between Public Health and the Environment



Goal #1: Build a Sustainable, National Environmental Public Health Tracking

Working Through ~~II~~ Network Planning Process to Move to Implementation



Goal #1: Build a Sustainable, National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (cont'd)

- **In 2004: Network Vision documented**
 - **Product of CDC, SND, SAIC**
 - **Purpose:**
 - **Describes the function and purpose of the NEPHTN**
 - **Provides profiles of stakeholders and users**
 - **Outlines major features**
 - **Describes benefits and external constraints**

Goal #1: Build a Sustainable, National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (cont'd)

- **In FY2005:**
 - **Refine our model for the “business” of EPHT**
 - **Gather detailed requirements**
 - **Technical**
 - **Functions and features**
 - **Content**
 - **Web-based prototype will serve as one tool**
 - **Develop our “picture” of the Network**
 - **Develop NEPHTN Implementation Plan 1.0**

Priority Setting

Compiling information from:

- Strategic planning
- Feedback on state/local cooperative agreement activities as reported through:
 - *Progress reports*
 - *Conference calls*
 - *Site visits*
 - *Informal communication*
 - *Workshops/conferences/ Regional meetings*
 - *Activity matrix*
- Previously established national priorities (e.g. Healthy People)
- Feedback from other stakeholders
- Congressional intent
- Branch scoping activities

National EPHT Network Priorities

Health Conditions

Priorities – Chicago, 2003

- Asthma
- Birth Defects
- Cancer
- Lead Poisoning
- Pesticide Poisoning

Where we are now....

- Asthma
- Birth Defects
- Cancer
- Heavy Metal poisoning
- Pesticide poisoning

Goal #2: Increase Environmental Public Health Tracking Capacity

- **Training**
 - Continue training in conjunction with workshops and conferences
 - EPHT 101 course
- **Support National Organizations' activities**
- **Initiate web-based seminars**
- **Increase technical/scientific support**



Goal #3: Disseminate Credible Information

- **Implement communications/outreach strategy**
 - PMO workgroup activities
 - EPHT listserv
 - EPHT newsletter
- **Explore options for Tracking-focused publications**
- **National Conference – April 2005**

Goal #4: Advance Environmental Public Health Science and Research

- **Compile and assess linkage/analysis methods used in demonstration projects**
- **Complete ongoing projects:**
 - **HELIX-Atlanta**
 - **PHASE**
- **Initiate Rapid Inquiry Facility Feasibility Project**
- **Develop EPHT research agenda**

Goal #5: Bridge the Gap Between Public Health and the Environment

- **Build new partnerships**
- **Improve alignment between CDC and EPA environmental health activities**
- **Complete and disseminate EPHT Strategic Plan**

Strategic Planning

- Where are we going?
- How will we get there?
- What difference will we make?

Strategic Plan Elements

The VISION describes what an organization aspires to be or achieve in the future state.

VISION

The MISSION is more specific than the vision but is still a broad statement that identifies the purpose of the organization.

MISSION

The GOALS are broad achievements necessary to reach the vision and conduct the mission.

GOALS

The OBJECTIVES are actions necessary to accomplish goals and fulfill mission.

OBJECTIVES

Strategic Planning (cont'd)

- **CDC has contracted with Bearing Point**
- **Builds on previous work**
- **Will align with other strategic planning initiatives within CDC**
- **Stakeholder input part of the process**
- **Will cover 2005 through 2010**
- **Goal – completed plan by Jan 2005**

Conclusions

- We've come a long way - together
- Continued rapid progress in 2005
- Driving principle for Network:
 - *It must be simple, useful, practical, and have scientific validity.*
- Target: 50% of states will be part of a National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network by 2010